

MRS. WILHELM'S
TRAGIC DEATHDead Body Was Found in a
Hallway.

HAD A STRANGE HISTORY

FORMERLY THE WIFE OF A
CHINESE MERCHANT.

Crouched in a dark corner of a narrow hallway at her home, 419 Second West street, the lifeless form of Mrs. Nellie Williams, formerly the American wife of a Chinese merchant, was discovered yesterday afternoon, under circumstances that have given rise to some suspicion of foul play. The body, from which life had apparently been extinct for hours, was discovered, doubled face downward in the corner and on the temple was discovered a bruise and slight indentation in the skull that had the appearance of being caused by a blow. This wound and the position of the woman led County Physician Mayo to suspect that the woman might have been murdered, but the family and the police believe that her death was the result of an overdose of laudanum, to the use of which it is said, she had been addicted for years.

The body on her head and her position are accounted for by the police and the family of the woman on the grounds that while under the influence of the drug she went into the hall and in falling struck her temple against some projection on the wall. The father and mother of the woman lived in the rear part of the same house, discrediting any hint at foul play, declaring that her death is only the result of her constant use of laudanum, a sack full of the empty bottles of which were found in her room.

Discovered by Her Son.

The body of the woman was discovered by her 12-year-old son, Fred Hop. The lad on going into the hall late in the afternoon discovered the form of his mother crouched in the corner and when he addressed her she did not reply. The lad became frightened and as there was no one at home except his grandfather, John Adler, who is an invalid, he ran to the home of Officer Sperry, a short distance away, and called Mrs. Sperry. Mrs. Sperry telephoned to the police department and Officer Sperry was dispatched to the scene. He called Undertaker S. D. Evans, and began to search the room for evidence of the cause of death. In one corner of the place he found a large sack filled with empty laudanum bottles. He turned from Fred Hop, son of the woman, and asked him to drink the contents of the bottles, drinking sometimes as much as a bottle at one time. The officer further learned from the father that the woman had for years been addicted to the use of the drug and would starve herself in order to get money to purchase it.

Little Fred told the officer that on Wednesday night his mother kept him up all night raving under the influence of the drug. He said that yesterday morning he saw her drink something from a glass that he thought was laudanum, as she was used to drinking, and then he left her and went to sleep.

Coroner Kroeger went with Undertaker Evans to the place and viewed the body, and after hearing the circumstances of the case, his opinion that death had been caused by the last dose of laudanum that she had taken.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Yesterday's Record at the Local Office of the Weather Bureau.

Maximum temperature, 47 degrees; minimum temperature, 45 degrees; mean temperature, 46 degrees. Accumulated excess of precipitation since the first of the month, 4.2 inches. Accumulated deficiency of precipitation since the first of the month, 3.0 inches.

Castle Gate, Clear Creek, Winter Quarters, Sunnyday lamp, nut and black, anthracite (all sizes). These coals always in stock. 73 South Main street, telephone 429.

Utah Commercial and Savings Bank.

General banking business. Interest paid on savings deposits. W. F. Armstrong, president; J. E. Caine, cashier.

Concert by Mrs. Plummer.

Tickets for the concert to be given by Mrs. Anna Colburn Plummer at Grand theatre Tuesday, May 7th, for benefit of Ladies Aid society of First M. E. church, are on sale at yesterday's Frank's and will be on sale at the theatre on Tuesday.

OGDEN AND RETURN \$1.00.

Via Rio Grande Western Railway.

On Sunday, May 5, the Rio Grande Western runs a special to Ogden at 10 a. m., with Salt Lake leaving at 11 a. m. All lovers of the game should accompany the excursion and cheer the team. Salt Lake must win.

Drunkennes.

A safe and permanent cure for drunkenness and drug addiction. Address: Ekeley Institute, 141 East First South, or Box 480, Salt Lake City.

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Mrs. Monheim and Mr. Donohue
Surprise Their Friends.

Friends of P. J. Donohue and Mrs. E. A. Monheim will be pleasantly surprised to learn of their marriage, which was quietly celebrated last night. Immediately after the ceremony was performed Mr. and Mrs. Donohue left for San Francisco and other California points for a wedding journey. They will be at home to their friends after June 10 at 24 West Sixth South street.

The wedding was planned with the greatest secrecy. Neither the bride nor groom and only a few friends knew of the approaching nuptials. It was their desire to be wedded with as little display as possible, and their wishes were carried out to the letter. Mr. Donohue did not tell the people at his boarding house of the event until after Mr. and Mrs. Donohue had left for the west.

Henry B. Monheim, son of the bride, brought the announcement of the marriage to The Herald office after the ceremony.

Big Estates Escape the New Inheritance Tax Law.

The failure of the state of Utah to have the Allison inheritance tax law on its statute book earlier has cost the commonwealth \$100,000. The first four months of 1901, that is, provided for the payment of the tax on the estate of George Q. Cannon, who died on March 14, when the Allison act becomes operative.

Four good-sized estates will thus have escaped taxation at the flat rate of 5 per cent provided by the law. The last of these estates is that of the late John R. Walker, who died on March 14, 1901, leaving an estate valued at \$1,000,000. The R. C. Chambers estate is valued at \$250,000; the W. A. Spafford estate at \$200,000; and the W. A. Spafford estate at \$200,000.

By the terms of Senator Allison's bill, all estates of more than \$100,000 valuation are required to pay into the state treasury 5 per cent of the total amount.

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